Availability of oil reserves in Rajasthan

4064. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest up-to-date estimated capacity of crude oil reserves found in Barmer region of Rajasthan;

(b) whether a Refinery would be set up in Rajasthan for processing of this crude oil;

(c) if so, the time-frame thereof;

(d) by when the production of petroleum products is likely to be started from these reserves; and

(e) the share of Rajasthan in the profit of this production and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) According to the development plan submitted by the operator to the Management Committee (for 4 commercial discoveries) in the block RJ-ON-90/1, located in Barmer district of Rajasthan, in-place oil reserves are estimated to be about 1158 Million Barrels with recoverable reserve of 321 Million Barrels.

(b) and (c) Mangalore Refinery Private Limited (MRPL) has been designated the nominee for purchase of entire crude oil from RJ-ON-90/1 block. A final investment decision on setting up a new refinery will be taken based on study of relevant factors such as crude oil pricing and economic feasibility.

(d) Commercial production is expected to commence by end 2008.

(e) The State Government will get royalty from this production.

Share of Rajasthan in oil exploration

†4065. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) the period by when commercial production of oil is likely to commence in Barmer-Sanchour basin in the State;

(b) whether Government would get profit from the oil and natural gas explored from this region and by when;

(c) whether Government propose to give a share to the State also; and

(d) if so, the percentage thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The commercial production of oil is expected to commence by end 2008.

(b) Yes Sir, the Central Government would get profit petroleum calculated in accordance with the provisions of the PSC.

(c) This being a pre-NELP block, no profit petroleum would accrue to the State Government. However, State Government would be entitled to the entire royalty on this production.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

Development of tourist places in Rajasthan

†4066. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have formulated any outlines for the development of different tourist areas in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government are also having a scheme to develop new tourist spots alongwith old tourist spots; and

(c) the details of the districts for which proposals have been received by Central Govenment from the State Government for developing various tourist spots in those districts and the tourist places for which development plan has been prepared by the Central Government alongwith the target fixed for completion of said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Identification of places of tourist interest/spots is

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